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NDA SELECTS STUDENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGE IN TAIWAN

Lincoln –Three high school seniors are heading to Taiwan next week to represent the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) as part of a long-standing student exchange program. Selected by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA), the students will learn about Taiwan’s agricultural industry and the leading role Nebraska has with product exports to the country.

“This agriculture exchange program is important for Nebraska students and the students from Taiwan,” said NDA Director Greg Ibach “It creates a first-person opportunity to broaden their world view. They get to experience different types of agriculture, different ag techniques and different cultures, and gain an understanding of how it fits together in a global economy.”

For the past 12 years, as part of this exchange program, three students from an agricultural high school in Taiwan have visited Nebraska to attend the annual Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute – a week-long summer program coordinated by NDA. In return, NDA chooses three NAYI delegates to travel to Taiwan.

The three students going to Taiwan this year are:

- Sean Krebs from Clearwater. Sean is a senior at Clearwater-Orchard High School and is the son of Shane and Regina Krebs.
- Brent Miller from Lyons. Brent is a senior at Lyons-Decatur High School and is the son of Roy and Sarah Miller.
- Halle Ramsey from Ord. Halle is a senior at Ord High School and is the daughter of Clayton and Jennifer Ramsey.

The trip is coordinated by NDA and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Denver and is sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau and TECO.

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The students will leave for Taiwan on Dec. 6 and will return to Nebraska on Dec. 12. While in Taiwan, the students will be staying at the Taichung school. Their visit will include tours of the campus, interaction with Taiwanese students, participation in presentations, visits to local farms, and observations of several agricultural research institutes. They also will have the opportunity to do some sightseeing.

The students will share their experiences at the 2016 Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute.

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